

Life Style and Dietary Habits to Keep the Liver Healthy 肝臟的保健及飲食之道(英文)

Physiological Function of the Liver:

- 1. Metabolism and storage of nutrients, including protein, carbohydrate, and lipid.
- 2. Biosynthesis and secretion of bile to emulsify lipid for further digestion and absorption.
- 3. Detoxification.
- 4. Regulation of circulation and electrolyte balance.

Health care and Life style to Keep the Liver Healthy:

- 1. Healthy diet habit:
 - o Balanced, light and fresh diet
 - No moldy food
 - Frequent hand-washing and no raw water or uncooked food
- 2. Avoid sharing toothbrushes and razors
- 3. Avoid tattooing or ear-piercing by using unsterilized equipments
- 4. Avoid unnecessary venipuncture, blood transfusion, and high risk sexual behavior
- 5. Regular life style, do not overwork
- 6. Avoid unnecessary medications and overt alcohol consumption
- 7. Receive hepatitis B vaccination if you have no protective antibody
- 8. Regular physical checkup

Dietary Habits to Keep the Liver Healthy:

- 1. Adequate nutrition for patients with hepatitis
 - Mild food
 - Frequent, small meals
 - o High-caloric, high-protein, and low-fat diet

- Vitamin supplements
- Salt restriction if there is leg edema
- 2. Nutritional adjustment for patients with liver cirrhosis
 - High-protein, high-carbohydrate and low-fat diet for early cirrhotic patients to promote liver regeneration
 - Low-protein diet to decrease ammonia production in the presence of hepatic encephalopathy
- 3. Salt restriction to minimize ascites and leg edema if present

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